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THIS BOOK PLACE FIRST IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHEETS FOR
OF EFFORTS AIMED AT RESTORING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.
POLICY). IN RECENT YEARS URUGUAY HAS BEEN IN THE VANGUARD
IN THE WORK OF THE OAS AS A PERMANENT FEATURE (OF THE FOREIGN
TRUE INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY HAS MADE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
DEDICATION TO AMERICANISM. ITS BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF
THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND TO THIS ORGANIZATION. ITS
URUGUAY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TO
REACHED IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 31.

TO MAKE, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REFERRING TO THE DECISION
5. ON EXPRESS INSISTENCE FROM MY GOVERNMENT I WOULD LIKE
CONSISTENTLY VIOLATED IN URUGUAY.
ORGAN; AND (D) VENEZUELA'S CERTITUDE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE
TO MAINTAIN NORMAL RELATIONS WITH IAHG, AN IMPORTANT OAS
MISGIVINGS ABOUT HOLDING THE MEETING THERE. (C) GOV REFUSES
SITUATION IN URUGUAY SUCH THAT OAS SHOULD HAVE SERIOUS
PERFORM THIS TASK. (B) BY GOV'S OWN ADMISSION, SECURITY
CONSTITUTED AN EFFORT TO SUPPLANT THE IAHG WHICH SHOULD
REALITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN URUGUAY. THIS
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ORIGINEE WAS TO LET. PARTICIPANTS SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE
(A) OFFER WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED BECAUSE ITS STATED
COUNTRY'S VOTE AGAINST URUGUAYAN OFFER:
BASIC REASONS SET FORTH AT JANUARY 31 MEETING FOR HIS
JOSE MARIA MACHIN, WHO FELT OBLIGED TO REPEAT THE FOUR
2. ONLY REACTION IN COUNCIL WAS BY VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR
FOR IN PARAGRAPH 2.
READ STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT WHICH IS SET
OFFER OF SITE FOR WILL OASGA, URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR BOGA
OF GENERAL COMMITTEE'S JANUARY 31 REJECTION OF URUGUAYAN
1. AFTER ROUTINE REPORT TO FEBRUARY 8 OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL
REJECTION OF GOV OFFER OF SITE

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THIS PURPOSE, AND LATER IN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL. URUGUAY
HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND IS A BELIEVER IN THE OAS, IN ITS PRINCIPLES,
ITS OBJECTIVES, ITS PURPOSES AND OF THE FUNDAMENTAL
ROLE THAT IT SHOULD CARRY OUT IN HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS.
IN THIS CONTEXT THE OFFER TO PROVIDE A SITE FOR THE
MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS OR FOR ANY OF ITS
ORGANS MEANS FOR MY COUNTRY IN ADDITION TO AN HONOR AND A
RIGHT, A PUBLIC ACT OF FAITH IN THE VARIOUS TIES WHICH BIND
US, IN THE IDEALS THAT MAKE UP THE ORGANIZATION, AND IN THE
RATE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. SUCH WAS THE FIRST AND
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MAIN PURPOSE OF THE OFFER WHICH THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
REJECTED.

URUGUAY ALSO MADE THE OFFER TO BE HOST FOR THE NEXT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE EXERCISE OF A LEGITIMATE RIGHT AND
IN FULFILLMENT OF A MORAL IMPERATIVE TO PERMIT ALL SISTER
REPUBLICS, THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS, ADVISORS, ORGANS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE OAS, JOURNALISTS, ETC. TO LEARN THE TRUTH
ABOUT URUGUAY FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW.

THE SISTER COUNTRIES THAT ABSTAINED AND THOSE WHO VOTED
AGAINST THIS OFFER ALSO DID IT IN A LEGITIMATE EXERCISE OF
THEIR OWN RIGHTS. MY GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THIS AND
RESPECTS IT, BUT WE ALSO DEPLORE THAT THEY HAVE LOST THIS
OPPORTUNITY.

THUS, I WANT TO STATE THAT WITH THE DECISION AND THE
REASONS ARGUED BY SOME MEMBER STATES WHO CONTRIBUTED TO
ADOPTING IT, A LAMENTABLE AS WELL AS DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WAS
SET: TO SUBORDINATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF A SITE TO
CIRCUMSTANTIAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO
DO, UNDER THE RULES, WITH THE OFFER ITSELF.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STATE THAT THE ALLEGED REASONS FOR
VOTING CLEARLY ENTAILED AN INTERVENTION INTO THE DOMESTIC
JURISDICTION OF MY COUNTRY AND A CLEAR DISREGARD OF THE
TENOR OF ARTICLES 18 AND 19 OF THE CHARTER OF THE OAS
ACCORDING TO WHICH QUOTE NO STATE OR GROUP OF STATES HAS
THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR ANY
REASON WHATSOEVER IN THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANY
OTHER STATE UNQUOTE AND QUOTE NO STATE MAY USE OR ENCOURAGE
THE USE OF COERCIVE MEASURES OF AN ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL
CHARACTER IN ORDER TO FORCE THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF ANOTHER
STATE AND OBTAIN FROM IT ADVANTAGES OF ANY KIND. UNQUOTE .

MR. PRESIDENT, MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO BE PARTICULARLY

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CLEAR IN REGARD TO ITS POSITION ON THE IAPRC. URUGUAY HAS
ALWAYS SUPPORTED AND STILL SUPPORTS THE EXISTENCE AND
OPERATION OF THAT BODY OF THE ORGANIZATION IN KEEPING WITH
THE CURRENT NORMS GOVERNING IT. THIS FRANK AND DETERMINED
ATTITUDE WAS RECENTLY EXPRESSED AT THE 5TH SPECIAL SESSION

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OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEN THE PROGRAM / BUDGET FOR 1978-79
WAS CONSIDERED.
THIS SWEEPING RECOGNITION OF ITS EXISTENCE AND THE VALUE
OF ITS WORK CANNOT BE CONSIDERED NOR IN ANY WAY MEASURED
AGAINST THE IRREGULAR AND PARTIAL, CONCRETE BEHAVIOR OF THE
IAPRO FORWARD URGUAY.
FOR THE REASONS EXPRESSED, MY GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEPT
AND REFLECTS ENERGICALLY THE EXPLANATION OF VOTES WHICH I
REFERRED TO THAT GO AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES AND BASIC DISPO-
SITIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.
FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM MY
COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL AND INVARIABLE RESPECT TO THE RIGHTS
AND BASIC FREEDOMS OF MAN WHICH ARE ONLY LIMITED BY THE
RIGHTS OF OTHER MEN, THE SECURITY OF ALL AND THE JUST NEEDS
OF THE GENERAL WELFARE AND DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT (ARTICLE
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